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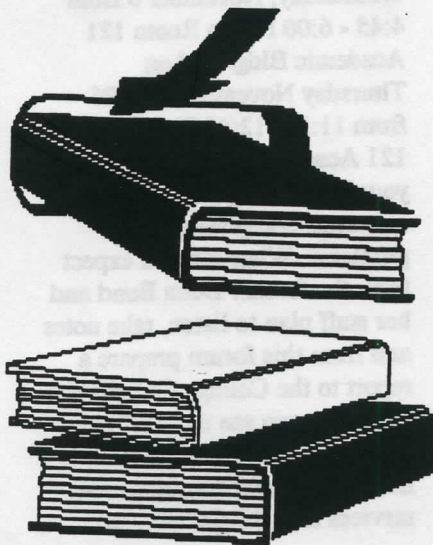
STUDENT VOICES

The Mission of SGA

Student Government

Association has a mission to act as a liaison between the students and the faculty and administration. We can only do so if students will take the initiative to come to room 318 on the 3rd Tuesday of every month for our meetings. We also have Student Assembly every 1st Tuesday of the month. During these events students' concerns are heard and addressed by the Student Senate. Information will be gathered and addressed at the next Student Assembly or during Student Government meetings. Students need to focus on what is their main purpose here at Roxbury Community College, and go after that purpose (education) by any means necessary. There are proper channels that should be taken and ways to get problems resolved quickly, peacefully and effectively. My only solution to students is "Do your job, research, ask questions and be focused."

Chesterfield Coppin,
SGA President
Antione LaFontant, VP SGA



Community College Conference

Student Government

Association members attended their annual CCSLA (Community College Student Leadership Association) fall leadership conference on October 10, 1996 at the Framingham Tara Hotel. The focus of the conference was on assisting campus leaders with various issues and activities. During the conference we participated in the Hillcrest Adventure Program, which helps students let down the barriers that prevent students from interacting with each other and becoming acquainted with students from different college. Other events included; The Idea

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Exchange Network, which helps campus leaders bring new initiatives to the campus. This event brought to light information about the different personalities students have and those with which they must deal. Finally, we did the usual school swap (we brought RCC cups, mugs, pencils and stickers) which was used a concluding event and as an opportunity to remind us of the brotherly and sisterly relationship among the community colleges.

Chesterfield Coppin,
SGA President

RCC Boston Business School

D id you know that the Boston Business School Campus has a reputation with the Boston Business community that is unsurpassed. You will find our alumni working for some of the most prestigious institutions in and around Boston. The class size is small, the people are warm and friendly, and the teachers are unique. The campus is located a few blocks from Boston University on Commonwealth Ave. Come check it out!

Janice Chandler, SGA Rep.

Learning Center Student Forum

The Learning Resource Center(LRC) will hold a forum called "The Best Information Comes From the Source" on Wednesday, November 6 from 4:45 - 6:00 PM in Room 121 Academic Bldg. and on Thursday November 7, 1996 from 11:30- 12:45 PM in Room 121 Academic Bldg. Come share your ideas, complaints, thoughts, concerns, compliment and problems. What can you expect from the forum? Dean Bond and her staff plan to listen, take notes and from this forum prepare a report to the College Community as to how you see the TLC and develop a plan to improve Learning Center programs and services for all RCC students.

The Learning Center

Hours:

Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday

8:30 AM -3:00 PM

Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the next edition of the RCC Times is November 14.

Save The Dates

Wednesday, November 6
CAPS presents
College Fair
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Cafeteria

November 12 -18

English Comp Exam

Call or stop by the Assessment
Office Rm. 207 Academic Bldg.

Wednesday, November 13

Health Fair

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Academic & Student Center

Friday, November 22

**Black/Latino Male Focus
Group**

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Reggie Lewis Track

In Search of Editor-Chief

The RCC Times is looking for an Editor-Chief for the student newspaper. For more information contact:

Elizabeth Clark, Director of
Student Activities Rm. 317
Student Center.

Early this year, an R.C.C. faculty member stood in the front of a classroom, and told a number of students "... she didn't earn that

scholarship ... the President gave it to her to buy her off." As if the fact that a professor at the college I attend would act in this petty, unprofessional manner were not enough, this particular man had the gall to cast aspersion on my character, by insinuating that my support of the President (and thereby the college) was less than genuine.

The above scenario is symbolic of an issue that has existed for some time here at R.C.C. - namely, the faculty's apparent lack of regard for the very students they are employed to serve. There have been other incidents recently that make this issue a pressing one. A professor was heard to say to a class having difficulty with a math problem, "Oh, come on - monkeys could do this." Last year's trip to Cuba, ostensibly to expose the class to the political climate in Cuba, included only two students, although there were more than ten persons travelling that day. These are often the same faculty members who will turn and ask for your support when they are "under the gun." Whenever a professor can encourage his students to "sue the Boston Public School system" as opposed to doing their jobs - educating us in the fields of their expertise - then there is something drastically wrong.

In my capacity as Student Trustee, it has been my experience that most students feel as though the faculty member is "untouchable" - i.e., that what the professor gives is what the student takes. This is not the foundation upon which a proper education is built. A professor should be

Off The Plantation

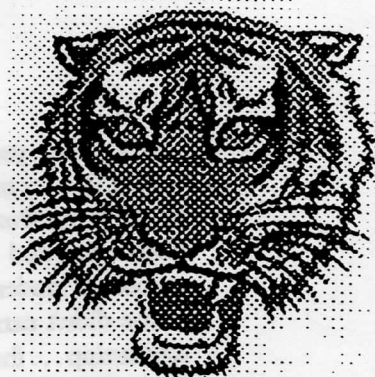
This Month's column: "Untouchable" vs. "Unteachable"

responsive to his/her students, in order to ensure that the student actually learns what is being taught. Many students have come to me to discuss issues

regarding various faculty members, and a large proportion of these issues seem to be centered around the fact that faculty members, in many cases, regard the general student population as unprepared for college-level academics, and therefore "unteachable." While some members of the student population may well need some form of remedial assistance, it remains the job of the professor to do his/her best to fulfill the mission of the school - to take students who may not have had the opportunity to attend a four-year institution and prepare them to compete with the graduates of these institutions. What is actually being accomplished, however, is that some of the students who were turned out of high school unprepared are being shuttled through R.C.C. (if they don't drop the classes) by professors who have little hope, and expend little effort in, teaching them anything.

If professors are not up to the challenge of preparing these students for their futures, then they are in the wrong school. Students need to understand that 1) they are not powerless; and 2) that the faculty is not omnipotent. If your needs are not being met by your professor, get in touch with Student Government, who will help you to contact the head of the department in written form and air your grievance. It is critical to the continued fulfillment of the school's mission that students get out of the "plantation" mentality, and realize that they have a right to a proper education at R.C.C., just as the School has an obligation to provide it. As much as some faculty would like you to believe otherwise, you are not worthless, and you are not without recourse.

RCC TIGERS



R.C.C. MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	SCHOOL	TIME	PLACE
11/9/96	GATEWAY C.C.	3:00	HOME
11/13/96	NORTH SHORE C.C.	6:00	HOME
11/16/96	NORWALK C.C.	1:00	AWAY
11/19/96	MANCHESTER C.C.	7:00	HOME
11/21/96	NEW HAMPSHIRE TECH	7:00	AWAY
11/25/96	U.CONN AVERY PT.	7:00	HOME
11/27/96	QUINSIGAMOND	6:00	HOME
12/12/96	MASS BAY C.C.	7:00	HOME
12/13/96	BUNKER HILL C.C.	7:00	HOME
12/21/96	ESSEX C.C.	1:00	AWAY
1/11/97	NAUGATUCK C.C.	TBA	AWAY
1/12/97	NAUGATUCK C.C.	TBA	AWAY
1/22/97	NORTHERN ESSEX C.C.	6:00	HOME
1/25/97	NORWALK C.C.	7:00	HOME
1/27/97	U.CONN AVERY PT.	8:00	AWAY
1/29/97	QUINSIGAMOND	6:00	AWAY
1/30/97	HESSER C.C.	7:00	AWAY
2/1/97	MANCHESTER	2:00	AWAY
2/3/97	NORTH SHORE C.C.	7:00	AWAY
2/4/97	MASS BAY C.C.	8:00	AWAY
2/8/97	FRANKLIN INSTITUTE	7:00	HOME
2/11/97	GATEWAY C.C.	1:00	AWAY
2/14/97	SPRINGFIELD TECH.	7:00	AWAY
2/15/97	HOLYOKE C.C.	1:00	AWAY
2/17/97	BUNKER HILL C.C.	7:00	AWAY
2/18/97	HAMPSHIRE C.C.	7:00	AWAY
2/20/97	NEWBURY C.C.	8:00	AWAY
2/22/97	MCCAC SEMI	TBA	S.T.C.C.
2/23/97	MCCAC FINAL	TBA	S.T.C.C.
3/1/97	REGION NJCAA SEMI	TBA	C.C.R.I.
3/2/97	REGION NJCAA FINAL	TBA	C.C.R.I.
3/13/97	NATIONALS	TBA	DELHI, N.Y.
3/14/97	NATIONALS	TBA	DELHI, N.Y.
3/15/97	NATIONALS	TBA	DELHI, N.Y.

IVOTE!

ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 1996



YOUR VOTE COUNTS!